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Judith Enck, Administrator
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Re: Nomination for National Priorities List of Superfund Sites
Riverside Industrial Park Site
City of Newark, Essex County

Dear Ms. Enck:

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) nominates the Riverside Industrial Park site in the City of Newark, Essex County for inclusion on the National Priorities List (NPL) of Superfund sites.

DEP's Site Remediation Program has been working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region II's Emergency and Remedial Response Division since late 2009 to address contamination at a portion of the Riverside Industrial Park site impacting water quality in the Passaic River.

DEP first responded with the Newark Fire Department to a spill reported in the Passaic River found to contain hazardous substances and originating from the Riverside Industrial Park site. After working to mitigate the spill DEP shifted the lead for response actions to EPA in November 2009. In addition, EPA's Removal Action Branch plans to conduct more extensive cleanup actions this year to address various storage tanks and other contaminated debris from two acres of the approximately six-acre industrial park.

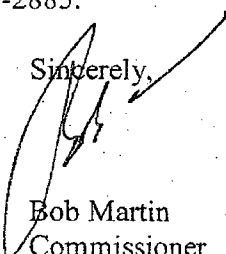
Newark officials have been and continue to be interested in redevelopment options for the Riverside Industrial Park site using state brownfield funds to conduct an initial Site Investigation completed in October 2009 just prior to the spill. Furthermore, EPA was in the process of awarding Newark two brownfield cleanup grants for the two-acre portion of the Riverside Industrial Park site when the spill was discovered. At that time the extent of contamination found warranted initiating the process for a large-scale removal action by EPA and subsequent nomination for the NPL.

More than six acres of land along the Passaic River consisting of numerous parcels comprise the Riverside Industrial Park. The land includes both active and inactive city-owned and privately-owned parcels. Brick City Development Corporation has been coordinating Newark's environmental investigation and redevelopment activities. A historical narrative of the site identifies that it was used for the manufacture of paints and varnishes, and was a multi-lot facility owned and operated by Pittsburgh Paint Glass Co. Numerous compounds remain on site in underground storage tanks and in the sub-basement of structures with these same compounds being found in soil and groundwater, and a significant number in sediment.

Remedial action by EPA through NPL listing will accelerate final cleanup of the site after removal work is completed. Other funding sources have not been available to date and SRP supports completing the necessary investigation and cleanup work under EPA's remedial program as a Superfund site.

DEP appreciates the opportunity to participate in the decision-making process to nominate this site for NPL status and looks forward to future cooperation with EPA during remedial work. If you have any questions, please call me at 609-292-2885.

Sincerely,



Bob Martin
Commissioner

- c: George Pavlou, Deputy Administrator, EPA Region II
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